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Venice, Jan. 16.

THis Senate have made choice of Prince *Cæsar d'Este*, to be General of their Horse. The Prince of *Parma*, General of their Foot, has taken a House here, but has since his arrival been much troubled with the Gout. The Duke of *Mantua* is expected here the next week, and intends to pass some time in this City, having made the Marquis *de Canossa* Surintendant-General of his Countries and Revenues. From *Rome* we are informed, That the Count *de Martenits*, the Imperial Envoy, had his first Audience of the Pope on the fixth Instant, after which he had made his Visits to the Queen of *Sueden*, and to the Cardinals; that he found the Pope in a disposition to give the Emperor all the assistance he can in the War he is going to be engaged in against the *Turks*; that on the eighth a Congregation of Cardinals was held in the Vatican to consider of the best way that can be taken for the giving the Emperor the said Assistance; and that they had resolved, That the Tenths of all Ecclesiastical Benefices shall be raised in *Italy*, *Spain*, and all other Countries acknowledging the Popes Authority, *France* excepted, and that the Moneys thus raised shall be sent to the Popes Nuncio at *Vienna*, to be disposed of for the Service above-mentioned.

Naples, Jan. 5. The Marquis *de Liche*, our new Viceroy, is expected here to morrow, most of the Nobility and Persons of the chiefest Quality being gone out to meet him. On the 30th past Don *Fabritio Spinelli*, Son to the Prince of *Scalica*, and Don *Fabio de Dura* meeting in the Evening in the Street, upon a Quarrel that was between them, drew upon each other, and were both very dangerously wounded: But the next day there happened a more unfortunate accident; The Nobility being assembled in their Common-Hall to choose a Sindic for one of the quarters of this City, some words arose between Don *Domenico de Luna* and Don *Tomaso Goraccioli*, upon which Don *Domenico* struck the other in the Face, who immediately revenged it by giving him two very dangerous wounds in his Breast with his Dagger; another Gentleman, who would have assisted Don *Domenico*, he treated in like manner; whereupon all those that were present drew their Swords, and in the great Disorder there was, much Blood would have certainly been spilt, had not the Authority of the Prince *de Montesarchio*, and the Duke *de Montecalvo* prevented it. Two days since were brought hither the Heads of five *Banditi*, which have been publickly exposed.

Milan, Jan. 13. We live here in great apprehensions of the designs of the *French*, who by the preparations they make, and the measures they have taken with the Court of *Savoy*, seem to have an Eye upon *Italy*. Our Governor, the Count *de Melgar*, is therefore not wanting to do whatever he is able for the putting this Country into a posture of defence, but the means of doing it do very much fail, and the Supplies that are expected from *Spain*, do not come. From *Turin* they tell us, That the Imprisonment of the Marquis *de Pinezza*, to whose Councils the late Alliance between the Most Christian King and the Duke of *Savoy*, and the bringing the *French* Troops in consequence of it to quarter in his Highnesses Territories, are chiefly attributed, had occasioned much discourse, and that the cause of this his Disgrace was laid to he, his having advised the Duke of *Savoy* to remove the Dutchess his Mother from having any part in the Government, and to take it wholly upon himself, that so he might be his Highnesses sole, as well as chief Minister.

Vienna, Jan. 17. We are told that Count *Teckeley*'s Secretary, who arrived here the last week with the Count *de Saponara*, has, in the Name of his Master, made the following Proposals to the Ministers here:

I. *That Affairs in* Hungary *be restored to the state they were in the year* 1647.

II. *That Count* Teckeley *be Palatine of* Hungary *during his Life.*

III. *That he be made a Prince of the Empire, and that the Emperor do give him Lands as may support the Dignity thereof.*

IV. *That the yearly Tribute which the* Hungarians *have promised to pay the* Turks, *be raised out of the Estates of the Popish Clergy.*

V. *That a Sum of Money be given to the Grand Vizier.*

Which, if the Emperor shall think fit to consent to, Count *Teckeley* seems to assure his Imperial Majesty of a Peace with the *Turks*; It is said that the Emperor is willing to agree to the three first of these Articles, and it is thought the other two would be likewise yielded to, if his Imperial Majesty could be sure a Peace would be thereby obtained; but many think that these Proposals are made by Count *Teckeley* only to amuse this Court, and besides cannot believe the *Turks* can so far find their account in them, that they should divert the War they seem to have been so long providing for. The Baron *de Leydel*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Elector of *Bavaria*, has had several Conferences, since his arrival, with the Ministers here, and, it is said, that he has already made a considerable progress in his Negotiation. Several Houses have been pulled down in the Suburbs of this City, to make place for the new Fortifications that are designed. The Colonels of the five new Regiments that are going to be raised, have received their Levy-Moneys. Besides these, the Chevalier *de Savoye* is raising a Regiment of Dragoons. From *Hungary* we have advice, That the *Turks* of *Newheusel* are almost daily abroad in very strong Parties, and that they seem to wait for a favourable opportunity of making a fresh attempt upon the Island *Schutt*.

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